

## **DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET INFORMATION ZONING APPEALS BOARD (51)**

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

As a quasi-judicial body, the Board hears and rules on appeals from any person, aggrieved by a decision of an enforcing officer or any decision made by the Buildings and Safety Engineering Department where rigid enforcement could cause the appellant undue hardship.

### **DESCRIPTION**

The Board conducts investigations and public hearings to determine whether variances, exceptions or modifications of approved regulated uses of land will be in the best interest of the public and that the spirit and intent of the zoning ordinance is upheld.

The Board of Zoning Appeals' primary role is to hear and decide appeals from and review any order, requirement, decision or determination made in the enforcement of the City of Detroit Zoning Ordinance. The Board has certain discretionary powers in making its decisions to comply with the powers granted to it by the local zoning ordinance and State Enabling Act. Any adjustment or reversal must conform to the provisions of the zoning ordinance and provide neighborhood and commercial stabilization.

### **MAJOR INITIATIVES FOR FY 2007-08**

The Department is continually working with the City Planning Commission to conclude the comprehensive amendments to the City's new Zoning Ordinance.

The Department has streamlined the procedures for processing each appeals case. An appeal, which was formerly heard within sixty (60) days, is now heard before the Board of Zoning Appeals within approximately thirty (30) days after it is received.

The Department has updated its digital cameras and proxima projector system to provide a first-class visual presentation at Board of Zoning Public Hearings. These upgrades have made a major improvement of the presentations at the Board's Public Hearings.

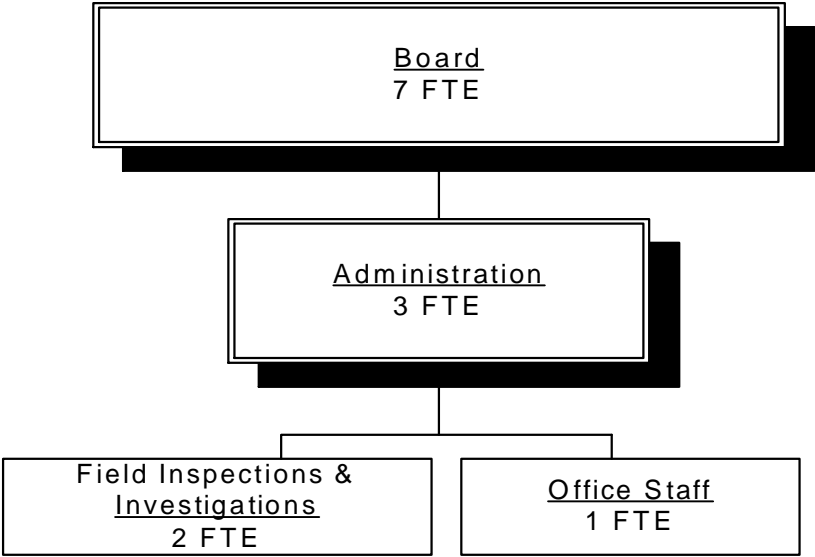
### **PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE FOR FY 2008-09, FY 2009-10 and BEYOND**

The Department is currently planning to work with the ITS Department to develop a computer database that will allow the Board of Zoning Appeals to improve the log-in, tracking and processing of documents relative to each Board Case.

The Department is also working on amendments to the new City of Detroit Zoning Ordinance, which may result in improving service to citizens and additional training for the Board Members and staff.

In the interest of improving the level of service, the Department will be developing a strategic plan, reviewing both the level of service and staffing over five (5) years.

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**EXPENDITURES**

	2006-07 Actual Expense	2007-08 Redbook	2008-09 Mayor's Budget Rec	Variance	Variance Percent
Salary & Wages	\$ 422,567	\$ 398,801	\$ 420,327	\$ 21,526	5%
Employee Benefits	278,630	266,415	270,792	4,377	2%
Prof/Contractual	17,198	105,500	105,500	-	0%
Operating Supplies	3,197	3,000	3,000	-	0%
Operating Services	79,748	74,889	76,561	1,672	2%
Fixed Charges	2,000	-	-	-	0%
Other Expenses	572	5,950	4,950	(1,000)	-17%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 803,912</b>	<b>\$ 854,555</b>	<b>\$ 881,130</b>	<b>\$ 26,575</b>	<b>3%</b>
POSITIONS	15	6	6	0	0%

**REVENUES**

	2006-07 Actual Revenue	2007-08 Redbook	2008-09 Mayor's Budget Rec	Variance	Variance Percent
Sales & Charges	\$ 120,114	\$ 105,000	\$ 105,000	\$ -	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 120,114</b>	<b>\$ 105,000</b>	<b>\$ 105,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0%</b>

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